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Application of: Hoekstra et al.

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AND RELATED PROTEINS

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Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the time for filing a response to the non final Office Action dated November 2, 2005 be extended for a period of three (3) months from February 2, 2006 to May 2, 2006.

The fee for this extension is estimated to be \$1020 (large entity). Please charge the required fee to Jones Day Deposit Account No. 50-3013. If any additional fees are required to maintain the pendency of the application, please also charge to Jones Day Deposit Account No. 50-3013. A copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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